विमानों की खरीद

*186. श्री कपिल सिब्बल:††
श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारतीय वायु सेना और भारतीय नौसेना में प्रयोग हेतु और मिग—29 एस—विमान खरीदने का निर्णय लिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त कितने विमान खरीदने का निर्णय लिया गया है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि ये विमान पहले 1990 में भारतीय सेना में शामिल किए गए थे; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इनके कार्य निष्पादन संबंधी रिपोर्ट संतोषजनक रही है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) और (घ) जी, हां, इन वायुयानों को 1990 के दशक के आरंभ में सेवा में शामिल किया गया था और ये संतोषजनक ढंग से कार्य कर रहे हैं।

Purchase of Aircrafts

†*186. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:††
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to purchase more MIG-29-S for the use of Indian Air Force and Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the number of said aircrafts to be purchased;

(c) whether it is a fact that earlier in 1990 said aircrafts were inducted in Indian Armed Forces; and

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††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kapil Sibal.

(d) if so, whether their performance report had been satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. These aircraft which were inducted in early 1990s are performing satisfactorily.

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, since the time is short, I will summarise what I wish to ask. There have been reports that as soon as the Mig-29s were inducted, within one year, certain essential components, mechanisms, systems, including engines were found to be defective and not operational. And, within two years, replacements had to be made. The enquiries conducted by the Government of India, in this regard, found that these operational systems had to be sent back to Russia for their repair. Is it correct? If so, are you still thinking of buying the Mig-29 Aircraft for your future needs?

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: I have no information from the Air Force about any kind of problem which these aircraft have faced. The Air Force believes that it is among the most capable aircraft that we have and is very much commended by the Air Force as one of its front line fighter aircraft.

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: In that event, are you thinking that this aircraft is going to be in the range of consideration for the purpose of purchases that you are intending to make?

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: No decision on purchasing this aircraft for any future use has been taken so far. So far as the

consideration of the aircraft for future is concerned, I think, that will depend on the needs of the time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Extradition of Gulf-Based Criminals

†*182. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take action against the militants and criminals based in Gulf after concluding a treaty regarding civil extradition and legal assistance between India and United Arab Emirates;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Extradition and Mutual legal Assistance Treaties between India and UAE were signed on 25.10.99. India has already ratified these Treaties. The ratification process in the UAE is under way. The Treaties will come into force after exchange of instruments of ratification which will take place after the UAE side completes the ratification process. International warrants of arrest have already been issued against the terrorists and other fugitive offenders believed to be hiding in UAE. The UAE authorities have been requested from time to time to execute these. After the extradition Treaty comes into force, pending extradition requests will be renewed and fresh extradition requests in respect of other fugitive will be sent to the UAE authorities for necessary action.

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